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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 March 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date Mar26,01.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The following title is suggested: A time slot sorting method for a wireless network.

2. Applicant is requested to revise the abstract to reflect the invention because the abstract is confusing.
3. Applicant is requested to insert section headings to put case in better form.
4. Applicant is requested to remove claims from the body of the specification, such as -- claims 2 and 3 – on p.3, ln. 4.
5. Applicant is requested to write clearly. On p.1, ln. 27-28, Applicant is requested to clarify what is the invention, a wireless network or an optimized time slot sorting algorithm. Furthermore, on p.2, ln. 1-3, Applicant is requested to clarify whether the invention is within a central station. On p. 3, Applicant is requested to clarify the networks because both para. 3 and 4 describe a network comprising a base station. On p.4-8, Applicant is requested to clarify the variables, – i – and – j –, that are not explained with respect to the invention.

Claim Objections

6. **Claims 1 and 4** are objected to because of the following informalities: it is confusing what is – characterized in that after reception of all the requests the central

station is provided for – is referring to, whether it is referring to the wireless network (claim 1), or central station (claim 4), or the receiving terminal.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

7. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

8. **Claims 1-4** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

With regard to claims 1 and 4, it is unclear whether the steps of determining a first subset, determining the order, subdividing, determining the receiving order, and first selecting, are within a method, and whether this method is then performed by either a wireless network or a central station.

9. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the order" in ln. 10, "the first subset" in ln. 7 and 13, "second subset" in ln. 8, "first group" in ln. 14, "second group" in ln. 15, and "first selecting" in ln. 19.

Claim 4 recites the limitation "the order" in ln. 10, "the first subset" in ln. 7 and 13, "second subset" in ln. 8, "first group" in ln. 14, "second group" in ln. 15, and "first selecting" in ln. 19.

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Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claims 1-4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Conclusion

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Blanche Wong whose telephone number is 571-272-3177. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 830am to 530pm.

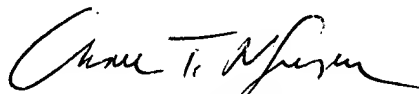
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi H Pham can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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